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SUBJECT: GEORGIA INFORMED ON PENDING TRANSFER OF SEIZED HEU  
SAMPLE TO RUSSIA

REF: A. MOSCOW 1052  
[1](#)B. 4/22/09 YOUNG-GEHRENBECK EMAIL  
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Classified By: AMBASSADOR JOHN F. TEFFT FOR REASONS 1.4 (b) and (d).

[1](#)1. (S) Per ref B, on April 24, poloff informed Shalva Burduli, Head of Division for New Threats and Arms Control of the Georgian MFA, of the pending transfer to Russia of a ten-gram sample of the HEU seized in a 2006 nuclear smuggling sting operation in Georgia. Poloff explained that he transfer was contingent on logistical and other arrangements, but that the transfer was expected to occur soon. Burduli had no immediate reaction but promised to inform senior MFA officials.  
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